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Professional Employment

Attorney and Shareholder. Thrun Law Firm, P.C., Lansing, MI (since 1988)
Adjunct Professor. Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI (1990-1994)
Social Studies Teacher. Webutuck Jr.-Sr. High School, Amenia, NY (1980-1985)

Education

J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School (1988)
Student Editor - *Journal of College and University Law*
Graduate Studies in Educational Administration, State University of New York-New Paltz (1982-1984)
M.A.T. in Social Studies, Colgate University (1981)
B.A. in History, Centre College of Kentucky (1979)
Buchanan High School, Buchanan, MI (1975)

Publications

Law Column, MASSP BULLETIN, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (Monthly, August 1996 to present).
Sticks and Stones in Cyberspace, LEADERSHIP INSIDER: PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES ON SCHOOL LAW & POLICY, National School Boards Association (August, 2006).
Discipline of Students for Off-Campus Conduct, SCHOOL VIOLENCE: FROM DISCIPLINE TO DUE PROCESS, American Bar Association (December, 2004).
President's Column, NEWSLETTER, Michigan Council of School Attorneys (Fall, 2003 and Spring, 2004).
Public Relations and the Law in Crisis Mode: Texaco's Initial Reaction to Incriminating Tapes, 26 PUBLIC RELATIONS REVIEW (Winter, 2000).
Preventing Threats of Violence in Schools from Turning into a Tragedy, SCHOOL LAW IN REVIEW 1999, NSBA Council of School Attorneys (April, 1999).
Peer Sexual Harassment, NEWSLETTER, Michigan Council of School Attorneys (April, 1997).
Random Drug Testing of High School Athletes, NEWSLETTER, Michigan Council of School Attorneys (September, 1995).
Researching Education Law, THE RESEARCH EDGE, Institute for Continuing Legal Education (1993).
Due Process Rights in Student Disciplinary Matters, 14 JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW, 359-82 (Fall, 1987).
Termination of Tenured University Faculty: Financial Exigency and the Burden of Proof in a Substantive Due Process Claim, 13 JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW, 417-28 (Spring, 1987).

Speaking Engagements

Invited speaker on school law topics for numerous local and intermediate school districts, as well as for the following educational and legal organizations:

State Organizations

Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO)
Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT)
Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)
Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA)
Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators (MASPA)
Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)
Michigan Career Leadership Network (MCLN)
Michigan Council of School Attorneys (MCSA)
Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)
Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)
Michigan Institute for Educational Management (MIEM)
Michigan Negotiators Association (MNA)
Michigan Office of Career Tech Preparation

Michigan Press Association (MPA)
Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council
Michigan Pupil Accounting and Attendance Association (MPAAA)
Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO)
Michigan School Counselor Association (MSCA)
Michigan Transition Services Project
Middle Cities Risk Management Trust
South Central Michigan Substance Abuse Commission
Special Educators Transition Services Project
State Bar of Michigan Administrative Law Section

National Organizations

American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
DePauw University
National Alternative Educators Conference
National Constitution Center Conferences
National School Boards Association
NSBA Council of School Attorneys
Progressive Business Conferences

Membership in Professional Organizations

National and Michigan Council of School Attorneys
Board of Directors for National Council (2003 to present)
Board of Directors for Michigan Council (2000 to 2006)
President for Michigan Council (2003-2004)
National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA)
Education Law Association
American, Michigan, and Ingham County Bar Associations
Member of the Bar Association's Litigation, Appellate, and Administrative Law Sections

Bar Admissions

State of Michigan
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
United States Supreme Court

General

An attorney with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. since 1988, Ms. Swem is a shareholder and practices general school law with special focus on issues of student discipline, special education, constitutional law, curriculum, athletics, employment, and policy review. She represents school districts in state and federal courts, and frequently gives presentations on various school law topics.

Ms. Swem graduated from the University of Notre Dame School of Law (J.D., 1988), where she was the student editor of the *Journal of College and University Law*, and authored two articles for that publication.

Before law school, Ms. Swem served for five years as a social studies teacher at a public high school in upstate New York. She also coached basketball and field hockey, and was a faculty advisor for many student activities. She earned a B.A. in history from Centre College (1979), an M.A.T. in social studies from Colgate University (1981), and completed over 30 credit hours of graduate courses in educational administration at the State University of New York-New Paltz. She is a graduate of Buchanan High School (Berrien County, Michigan), where she was the school's first student representative to the Board of Education.

Ms. Swem is a member of the NSBA and Michigan Council of School Attorneys and has served on the Board of Directors for both organizations. She is the past-president of the Michigan Council. She is a member of the Education Law Association, the National Association of College and University Attorneys, and the American and Michigan Bar Associations.